

## **Executive Order 2004-20**

### **Establishing the Governor's Arizona Teacher's Excellence Program (AzTEP) Coordination Council**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona's underserved areas on Indian reservations and Enterprise Communities lack sufficient quantities of highly qualified teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona needs a plan to increase the pool of highly qualified teachers in Arizona's underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS**, grant funds are available from a variety of federal and private sources that could be administered pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2701 for the purposes of recruiting and placing qualified teachers in Arizona's underserved communities and otherwise improving the quality of education in those areas;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The *Arizona Teacher's Excellence Program Coordination Council* (the "*AzTEP Council*") is created to solicit, review and approve grant applications and oversee the administration of grants to high-needs local education entities.
2. The *AzTEP Council* shall meet at least quarterly and be comprised of the following eleven (11) senior managers of education stakeholders, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, and serve, without compensation, at the pleasure of the Governor:
  - a. The Governor's Policy Advisor for Education
  - b. A representative of the Arizona Department of Education
  - c. A representative of the Arizona Education Association
  - d. A representative of the NAU-Arizona K-12 Center
  - e. A representative of the ASU Center for Indian Education
  - f. A member of the Tribal Education Committee
  - g. A representative of Arizona Indian Education Association
  - h. A representative of the Arizona School Board Association
  - i. A representative from the education Non-Profit community
  - j. A representative of the Arizona Business & Education Council
  - k. A representative of the State Board for Charter Schools
3. The *AzTEP Council* shall be chaired and staffed as determined by the Governor. The *AzTEP Council* shall designate from among its members and the Governor's staff a grant management team to manage grant applications and administration.
4. The *AzTEP Council* shall, among other things:

- a. Monitor the Council's progress, through (at a minimum) biannual meetings in which the director and grant management team provide a report, and ensure that the objectives of each grant are being met;
- b. Solicit, receive, evaluate, approve and award sub-grantee applications;
- c. Provide recommendations for improvements to the grants and grant programs and;
- d. Provide recommendations to foster success and sustainability in recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers in high-need schools beyond the life of the grant.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

**GOVERNOR**

DONE at the Capital in Phoenix, Arizona this \_\_th day of August Two Thousand Four and of the Independence of the United States the Two hundred and Twenty-Ninth.

**ATTEST:**

**SECRETARY OF STATE**